

CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, December 15, 2025

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance The regular meeting of Brunswick City Council was called to order by Mayor Ron Falconi at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex.

Roll Call of Members showed the following Council Members present: Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper.

Others Present: Mayor Ron Falconi, City Manager/Safety Director Carl DeForest, Law Director Dennis Nevar, Clerk of Council Laura Timura.

Correspondence There was none.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated December 8, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated December 8, 2025, as written, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report:

Proclamation in recognition of Teresa Beno's twenty-six years of service:

Mayor Falconi presented Teresa Beno with a proclamation recognizing her service to the City of Brunswick. Teresa declared that she has enjoyed working for the City and with her coworkers. She thanked everyone who attended the meeting on her behalf.

Mayor to reappoint Jason Ivory and John Pietrangeli to the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Housing Council:

Mayor Falconi announced his reappointment of Jason Ivory and John Pietrangeli to the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Housing Council.

Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Bradley Saeger to the Planning Commission:

If anyone on Council has questions regarding this recommendation, they should contact the Mayor's Office.

Motion to reappoint Lisa Jackson-Clements and Stanley Socha to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund:

Nicholas Hanek moved to reappoint Lisa Jackson-Clements and Stanley Socha to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Clerk of Council's Report Mrs. Timura wished everyone a Happy Holiday and informed them that the next Council Meeting would occur on January 12, 2026.

Council Committee Reports:

Economic Development Committee.....Mr. Lambert:

Economic Development Committee Minutes dated December 8, 2025:

Brandon Lambert moved to approve the Economic Development Committee Minutes dated December 8, 2025, as written, seconded by Nicholas Hanek. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee.....Mr. Smith:

Mr. Smith had no formal reports this evening.

Finance Committee.....Mr. Hanek:

Mr. Hanek had no formal reports this evening.

Safety & Environment Committee.....Mr. Kuczma:

Mr. Kuczma had no formal reports this evening.

Planning & Zoning Committee.....Mr. Delsanter:

Mr. Delsanter had no formal reports this evening.

Parks, Recreation & Community Committee.....Mrs. Piper:

Mrs. Piper had no formal reports this evening.

Building & Building Code Committee.....Mr. Abella:

Mr. Abella had no formal reports this evening.

Other Committees, Boards and Commissions

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated December 8, 2025:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated December 8, 2025, as written, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Abstain -1, Joseph Delsanter. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Petitions from the Public on Legislation Joe Destro (4566 Baywood Drive) thanked Council and the Mayor for their commitment and support of the continuation of the banner program.

Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:

3rd Reading(s)

RES. NO. 102-2025 - A resolution in support of the Hometown Heroes Banner Program. - **3rd**

Reading (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Council/Nicholas Hanek*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 102-2025, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

RES. NO. 103-2025 - An emergency resolution repealing Resolution No. 40-17. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 103-2025, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

RES. NO. 105-2025 - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve monetary or in-kind donations in an amount not to exceed \$75.00 in value per donation. - **3rd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 105-2025, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

2nd Reading(s)

1st Reading(s)

RES. NO. 109-2025 - A resolution commending Teresa Beno for her years of service to the City of Brunswick. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Council/Nicholas Hanek*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Resolution Number 109-2025, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

RES. NO. 110-2025 - A resolution providing consent to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the performance of preventative deck sealing maintenance of bridge structures on Interstate 71. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Paul Magovac*):

Mr. Smith moved Resolution Number 110-2025 to second reading.

ORD. 111-2025 - An emergency ordinance to approve the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as components of the codified ordinances; to provide for the adoption of new legislation in the updated revised codified ordinances; and to repeal ordinances in conflict therewith. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Laura Timura*):

Nicholas Hanek moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Nicholas Hanek moved to adopt Ordinance Number 111-2025, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

City Manager's Report Mr. DeForest reminded that City Hall will be closed on December 24, 25, 31 and January 1 for the holidays. He wished everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2026.

Open Forum Danielle Szeszak (656 Salem Lane) expressed her concerns regarding the proposed 9-hole disc golf course at Pumpkin Ridge Park. These concerns included the inability to use the park for activities such as sledding, soccer, lacrosse and rugby, cement pads interfering with proper water drainage, baskets that back up to private yards, policing of the park, and increased insurance premiums. She revealed that events were listed on the disc golf website as being held at Pumpkin Ridge Park. Ms. Szeszak emphasized that organized events and tournaments would restrict public use of the park.

Gwen Voase (3077 Cauldron Court) read a letter from her mother, who was unable to attend the meeting. In the letter, her mother declared that she was a long-time resident of Brunswick. She mentioned that disc golf would prevent children from utilizing the park for sports practices and that tournaments could cause side streets to be flooded with parked cars. She was worried that disc golf would increase noise levels on the weekends. Ms. Voase asked that the holes be relocated and that the baseball fields remain. She remarked that disc golf was located at Lakeview Church of God and there was an incident in 2024 causing the course to be closed.

Chris Voase (3077 Cauldron Court) felt that disc golf would take away the opportunity for children to have a safe place to play. He divulged that children currently use the park for kickball, lacrosse, baseball, and rugby. After Kidder was revamped, the football team began using Pumpkin Ridge Park for practice. He asked that the placement of the holes be reworked as one ends at home plate, one cuts through right field, and another through left field. Mr. Voase concluded that Council should look at a solution that makes sense for everyone and not just one subset. He was upset that no one knew about the disc golf project until there was an article in the Medina Gazette.

Mr. Delsanter informed that the incident at Lakeview Church had nothing to do with disc golf. It involved people who were kayaking on the lake and drowned. Due to insurance risks, the church decided to prohibit any public access to their property. This is how the group organizing the disc golf project came into possession of the baskets. He noted that the group would like to memorialize a Brunswick resident who was very much involved with the disc golf community. As this is a 9-hole golf course, it is not designed for tournaments. He revealed that members of his own family used the park for baseball and were no longer allowed to play. The residents did not want baseball at the park due to the parking situation on a public street.

Unfinished Business Mr. Hanek advised that he has received more complaints about this park than any other in the City. There were complaints about the new playground, parking, and organized sports. He would be glad to *have* a park in his ward. Mr. Hanek informed that land was acquired on North Carpenter to build more ball fields and the City is aware that the lack of fields is a problem. Mr Hanek explained they are trying to do something positive and productive with people who are donating their time in honor of a friend. He disclosed that there were complaints from residents on other sides of the park. He pointed out that he has not received complaints about activities at other parks. He added that Council did not wish to impose anything upon the residents of the community.

Mr. Smith mentioned that he has been playing disc golf for over 20 years and promoting it. He reported that 30 acres are necessary for an 18-hole course. For this reason, he promoted heavily for a course at North Park. An alternative was Rolling Hills. He reported that he was able to raise funds for the baskets, charts, maps, etc. He explained that the City had suggested a course at Pumpkin Ridge in the past, but many residents had concerns about having the course there. He shared that he was never interested in having the course at Pumpkin Ridge and that he would still like to design an 18-hole course. If a practice course could be created at Pumpkin Ridge without bothering residents, he would be all in favor of it.

Mr. Abella announced that Pumpkin Ridge is in his ward and that he has been a Councilmen for 14 years. He disclosed that one of the first issues was baseball parking up top by Marguerite Way. He worked with the City to place a sign that stated, "No baseball or football parking per police order." This would not be enforceable but would help deter. They did what they could to eliminate organized sports. Mr. Abella continues to receive complaints. However, ODOT does not allow signs for residential no parking based on activities as it is a public street. He disclosed that if the baseball field was built up, there would be parking on Marguerite Way which would block the cul-de-sac. Disc golf would help eliminate the possibility of over-

the-top organized development there. He felt it was the best of both worlds. Parking would be down near the bottom for disc golf. He estimated that 30+ people on a sunny day would play disc golf from mid-morning until noon. The hours could be restricted to eliminate early hours. The course would be for families and not a tournament venue. Mr. Abella felt this was the best solution for this park and revealed that he received more complaints from residents on Marguerite Way pertaining to baseball. He suggested residents email their concerns, and they would be addressed by the design team.

Mr. Kuczma reported that disc golf has been on the Parks and Recreation agenda since July. There have been discussions and a walk through the park. Mr. Kuczma mentioned during these discussions that the baskets should not be placed close to homes. There will be cement holes that the baskets get placed in which are removable for cutting grass and maintenance. The organization will be responsible for all maintenance and installation. He felt this was the best of both worlds and described it as a junior course. This would give the park more use in a positive way. The driveways are also set to be repaired with improved parking. He stated that golfers would be parking at the location of the first hole. A championship golf course would not be installed at Pumpkin Ridge and the course was being donated.

Mrs. Piper clarified that the map was only a suggestion and nothing had been decided upon at this point. She hoped that the right information would be shared as it becomes available.

Mr. Delsanter suggested the residents attend future meetings to be included in the process.

New Business Mr. Smith asked residents to contribute to the Salvation Army. Members of the Optomist Club donate their time to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. Mr. Smith was amazed by how much money was collected in a short period of time. He appreciated the generosity of Brunswick and those in the surrounding communities.

Mr. Delsanter wished everyone a safe and merry Christmas.

Mayor Falconi wished everyone in the City of Brunswick a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2026 on behalf of his wife Jennie and his family.

Adjournment Nicholas Hanek moved to adjourn, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura, MMC
Clerk of Council



Mayor Ron Falconi

January 12, 2026

Adopted